Amendments to the Specification

Please amend specification as follows.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 5, as follows:

To improve these problems, an attempt has ~~bee~~ been made to sufficiently perform the heat treatment after cold rolling to coarsen the crystal grains and generate a recrystallization structure in which the crystal grains are grown in the circumferential direction of the tube. For example, Japanese Patent Laid-open Specification No. 8-225891/1996 discloses compositions which can generate a recrysrallization structure by specifying the content of Y_2O_3 in an oxide dispersion strengthened ferritic steel and the amount of excessive oxygen.

Please amend the subheading at page 3, line 13, as follows:

SUMMARY~~SUMAMRY~~ OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14, as follows:

Accordingly, an object of the present invention is to provide a method for producing a tube ~~constituting~~ constituted of an oxide dispersion strengthened ferritic steel, which can prevent the generation of a recrystallization structure in the intermediate heat treatment during the cold rolling, can sufficiently soften the tube and efficiently perform cold rolling in the next step by performing the intermediate heat treatment at a comparatively high temperature, and can prevent the generation of cracking in the step of cold rolling.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 10, as follows:

The raw tube is produced, for example, by sufficiently crushing and mixing a metal powder and an oxide powder of the predetermined composition by means of a so-called mechanical alloying technique which ~~usies~~ uses, for example, a ball mill and the like. Then, the resulting powder is sealed inside a soft steel capsule or the like, and monolithically sintered by means of hot extrusion to obtain a raw tube to be worked by cold rolling. If necessary, the resulting product is further subjected to heating and annealing to obtain a raw tube that is then subjected to cold rolling. The fabrication to this step can be performed in accordance with a technology known in the art.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19, as follows:

For the cold rolling of a raw tube, there is preferably used a Pilger rolling machine or a HPTR rolling machine. The rolling reduction (reduction in area) on cold rolling must be 30 % or more, preferably 40 % or more. In this case, the rolling reduction in cold rolling signifies the total rolling reduction obtained as a result from starting rolling on the raw tube or from the softened state after annealing the raw tube to the intermediate heat treatment (annealing) or the final heat treatment (annealing) applied for the next softening; hence, a rolling with a rolling reduction of 30 % or more may be performed in a single pass, or a plurality of passes, i. e., two passes or three passes, to obtain a rolling reduction of 30 % or more in total.